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1. (Unclassified - JMM) Called Representative Charles Rangel in response to his 3 May letter to the Director renewing his 27 April request, under the Freedom of Information Act, for several classified Agency publications on the drug problem. I pointed out that the Freedom of Information Act did not apply to the Agency, and that we could not establish a precedent of providing such publications to the Congress but were anxious to be helpful in any other way. I suggested an oral briefing in which we would cover the significant portions of the publications in question, after which we would be glad to provide Mr. Rangel with an unclassified roundup study now in preparation. Mr. Rangel said he appreciated our problem, but he had a problem explaining to his constituents why he couldn't get material that apparently was freely available to the press. He said he would look into our exemption from the Freedom of Information Act and indicated he would be back in touch with us. I said we were trying to be helpful in every way possible.

2. (Unclassified - JMM) In the absence of Tom Korologos, White House staff, I left word with his secretary that we had been in touch with USIA and State and thought if action were going to be taken regarding the dissemination amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3256) we should move promptly. I recalled that Mr. Korologos had earlier indicated he would make a date for us to join in meeting with Senator Howard Baker on this matter, and said I wondered whether he intended to go through with this.

3. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Called Bill White, Legislative Reference Service, Office of Management and Budget, to get a reading on the prospects for Senate passage of legislation controlling Federal advisory committees (which could apply to PFIAB, NSC, USIB, etc.). Initially White felt that a new Executive order being submitted to the President would satisfy congressional critics but later advised me that the Metcalf bill (S. 3529) would most likely pass the Senate and that the conference committee should not have too much trouble in ironing out the differences between the Senate and House bill (H. R. 4383). The Administration is opposing both bills.

4. (Unclassified - GLC) Left with the House Foreign Affairs Committee staff a copy of the China Atlas which Mr. Roy Bullock, of the staff, can make available to Representative Donald Fraser (D., Minn.) who wanted access to an Atlas.